NOTICE!

As we are making house deliveries in Birmingham now, there is no reason why all should not avail themselves of our below-all-competition prices on good

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.—General.

State of Michigan! ss. Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1916. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of

WILLIAM PALLISTER, Deceased.

Detroit Trust Company, Trustee under the will of said deceased, having filed in said Court its third annual account, together with a petition praying for the examination and allowance of the same.

It is ordered that the 13th day of January, A. D. 1917, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, &c is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

(A true copy.)
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Register of Probate.
23dec-5jan

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

Notice of special assessment for the Main Trunk Sewer, beginning at the intersection of Woodward Avenue with Frank Street, and running west to the River Rouge.

TO ALL THOSE INTERESTED:

Take notice that the roll for special assessment hereto fore made by the Board of Assessors for the purpose of defraying that part of the cost which the Village Council determined should be paid and borne by special assessment for the construction of the Main Sanitary Sewer from the intersection of Frank Street with Woodward Avenue to the River Rouge, of said village, are now on file at my office for public inspection. Notice is hereby given that the Village Council will meet at the Council Rooms with the Board of Assessors of said village on Monday, the 8th day January, A. D. 1917, at 8 o'clock p. m., to review said assessment, at which time and place opportunity will be given to persons interested to be heard.

THOMAS E. HARRIS,
Clerk.

Dated November 11, 1916.
8dec-5jan

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of this association for the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of all such other business as may properly come before such meeting, will be held pursuant to the Bylaws of the association, at the banking house of the association, in the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1917, at 1:00 p. m. (central standard time). The polls for the election of officers will be open from 1:00 p. m. until 3:00 p. m.

A. WHITEHEAD, President.
Birmingham, Michigan, December 4, 1916.
8dec-5jan

William Tracey spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan in Detroit.

A special meeting of Birmingham chapter, No. 220, O. E. S., will be held Wednesday evening, January 10, for initiation and conferring of the 155th degree. Out-of-town members welcome.

George Elder, of Birmingham, was arrested Thursday night, December 28, by Deputy Sheriff Mack Hunt, on a charge of being drunk and disorderly on Woodward avenue in Birmingham. He had his hearing last Friday afternoon before Justice A. W. Campbell, pleaded guilty, and was let off on suspended sentence by paying $10 costs.

"I didn't think!" How common the excuse. These words have decided the fate of many a young person starting out to earn a living. Did you attend to that order today? No. I forgot. I didn't think. If there were more interest taken in the work there would be less forgetting and neglect. Only the lazy ones will persistently put up such a worthless excuse as "I didn't think." It pays to think, and the successful man is a thinker.

There are people who, if they hear an organ, find out at once which are the poorest stops. If they listen to a great speaker, they remember nothing but some slip in the construction of a sentence, the consistency of a metaphor, or the evolutions of an argument. While their friends are admiring the wealth and beauty of a tree whose branches are weighed down with fruit, they have discovered a solitary bough, left in the golden affluence, on which nothing is hanging. Fortunately, we have but a few of these flaw hunters in this community, but that is a few too many.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beddow, aged 54 years, died of a complication of diseases, Friday afternoon, December 29, at her home in Southfield. She is survived by her husband, John Beddow, a daughter, Mrs. Pearl Chiasum, of Southfield, and two sons, Ralph, of Seattle, Wash., and Thomas, of North Branch; her mother, Mrs. Jannette Rainey, aged 88 years, of Pierce street, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Green, of Brownell street, and Mrs. Agness Mosher, of Holly; three brothers, Dr. J. M. Rainey, of Pierce street, Hugh Rainey, of Tuston, Mich., and David Rainey, of Stewart, B. C. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her late home. Burial took place in Southfield.

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Regular adjourned meeting of the council of the Village of Birmingham, on Thursday, the 21st day of December, A. D. 1916, that being the Thursday next succeeding the special village election held December 14, 1916, held in pursuance of the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, and in the council rooms of said village.

Present: President, Phillip Schlaack; clerk, Thomas E. Harris; trustees, Parks, Daines, Trumbull, Jones.

Absent: Trustees Harris, Brown.

There being a quorum present, council was declared in session at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The clerk now presented to the council the returns of the election inspectors for the special village election held December 14, 1916, from which it appeared that for the offices of charter commissioners 78 ballots were cast, of which number two were not voted and three were spoiled; that for the offices of charter commissioners Thomas H. Cobb received 66 votes, W. C. Harris 55 votes, S. O. W. Bell received 42 votes, C. J. Shain received 38 votes, T. L. Luscumb received 37 votes, P. D. Hilty received 34 votes, H. G. Field received 29 votes, N. T. Shaw received 24 votes, William Van Avery received 22 votes, and L. J. Steuch received 11 votes. And it further appears that on the proposition to borrow and issue the bonds of the Village of Birmingham therefor the sum of $1,395.75 for the construction of a four-inch water main beneath the surface of Wallace street from Southfield avenue to Stanley avenue, 76 votes were cast, of which 51 votes were cast in favor of the proposition and 14 votes against said proposition.

That on the proposition to borrow and issue the bonds therefor the sum of $3,375.86 for the construction of a six-inch water main beneath the surface of Lincoln avenue, in said village from Floyd street to a point 500 feet east from Southfield avenue, 76 votes were cast, of which 54 votes were cast in favor of the proposition and 22 votes against said proposition.

That on the proposition to borrow and issue the bonds of the Village of Birmingham therefor, the sum of $695.50 for the construction of a four-inch water main beneath the surface of Knox street, in said village, from a point 100 feet east of Poppleton to Adams avenue, 75 votes were cast, of which 54 votes were cast in favor of said proposition and 21 votes against said proposition.

That on the proposition to borrow and issue the bonds of the Village of Birmingham therefor, the sum of $2,500.00 for the construction of four wells at water works, together with their appurtenances, 76 votes were cast, of which 62 votes were cast in favor of said proposition and 14 votes were cast against said proposition.

That on the proposition to borrow and issue the bonds of the Village of Birmingham therefor, the sum of $1,190.00 for the construction of a surface or drainage sewer, beginning at a point on Oakland avenue 100 feet east of Park street, with an eight-inch line, thence west 100 feet to the center of Park street, thence north on Park street with a 10-inch line 500 feet to Euclid avenue, thence west on Euclid avenue with a 10-inch line 300 feet to Farndale avenue, thence north with a 10-inch line to the Davis road, thence west with a 10-inch line 220 feet to River Rouge, all to be of vitrified sewer pipe, 76 votes were cast, of which 46 votes were cast in favor of said proposition and 30 votes were cast against said proposition.

That on the proposition to borrow and issue bonds of the Village of Birmingham therefor, the sum of $515.00 for the construction of a surface or drainage sewer, beginning at the intersection of Brown and Purdy streets, thence south on Purdy street, with a 15-inch line 250 feet to Daines street, thence east on Daines street with a 16-inch line 580 feet to the junction of Woodward avenue sewer, all to be of vitrified sewer pipe, 72 votes were cast, of which 47 were cast in favor of the proposition and 25 cast against said proposition.

That on the proposition to borrow and issue bonds of the Village of Birmingham therefor, the sum of $515.00 for the construction of a surface or drainage sewer, beginning at the intersection of Purdy and George streets, thence east with a 12-inch line 600 feet to a junction of Woodward avenue sewer, all to be of vitrified sewer pipe, 75 votes were cast, of which 48 were cast in favor of said proposition and 27 were cast against said proposition.

Moved by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trumbull, that the following resolution be adopted and accepted:

Be it resolved that the council of the village of Birmingham has hereby canvassed returns of the special village election of December 14, 1916, and declares that the following five persons received the highest number of votes cast for the offices of charter commissioners and were duly elected to said offices:

Thomas H. Cobb,
W. C. Harris,
S. O. W. Bell,
C. J. Shain,
T. L. Luscomb,

and that the report of the returns of the election inspectors for said special election be accepted.

Said council further declares two-thirds of the total votes cast at said election were cast in favor of the following propositions, and that said propositions are hereby declared carried:

1. Proposition to issue bonds of the Village of Birmingham for the sum of $1,395.75 for the construction of water main on Wallace street.

2. Proposition to issue the bonds of the Village of Birmingham for $3,375.86 for the construction of water main on Lincoln avenue.

3. Proposition to issue bond of the Village of Birmingham for the sum of $695.50 for the construction of water main on Knox street.

4. Proposition to issue bonds of the Village of Birmingham for the sum of $2,500.00 for the construction of four (4) wells at water works, together with their appurtenances.

Be it further resolved, that the council declares the following propositions did not receive two-thirds of the votes cast at said election on each of said propositions, and therefore did not carry:

1. For the surface or drainage sewer on Park street.

2. For surface or drainage sewer on Daines and Purdy streets.

3. For surface or drainage sewer on George street.

Roll call:

Yeas: Parks, Daines, Trumbull, Jones.

Nays: None.

Motion declared carried.

PHILIP SCHLAACK,
President.

THOS. E. HARRIS,
Clerk.

Daines moved, Parks seconded, that the bid on John F. McLean & Co., as follows, for the $7,877.11 bond issue be accepted:

For your issue of $7,877.11 water works bonds, to be dated the second day of January, 1917, and to be due on the second day of January, 1937, and bear interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum, interest payable semi-annually, we will pay you the par value thereof, accrued interest to date of delivery, and in addition thereto will print and furnish lithographed blank bonds free of charge. This bid is made unconditionally as to legality, but prior to delivery you are to furnish us with a full certified transcript of legal proceedings for our files.

(Signed) JOHN F. McLEAN & CO.
By John F. McLean, Pres.

Yeas: Parks, Daines, Trumbull, Jones.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Trumbull, that the following resolution be adopted and accepted:

Whereas the special assessment roll for sidewalk tax remaining unpaid for the year 1916 has been reported to the council as required by law;

Resolved that the said special assessment roll be filed with the clerk of said village, and numbered No. 1, and that the village clerk give notice to be published for at least two weeks in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper of said village, and published therein, of the filing of same, and that the council will meet in the council rooms of said village on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1917, at 8 o'clock p. m., to review said assessment and to hear any objections thereto.

Yeas, 4; nays, 0. Motion carried.

Trumbull moved, Jones seconded, that we adjourn till Thursday, December 28, 1916.

Motion carried.

PHILIP SCHLAACK,
President.

THOS. E. HARRIS,
Village Clerk.

Thursday, December 28, 1916.

No quorum present.

THOS. E. HARRIS,
Clerk.

87 Years Old.

H. H. Adams, Springfield, Missouri, writes: "I had a severe attack of kidney trouble. I am getting old, 87 years. I tried different treatments, but none did me so much good as Foley Kidney Pills." Foley Kidney Pills build up weakened kidneys, help rid the blood of acids and poisons, and relieve bladder troubles. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Just now there is altogether too much solicitude on the part of parents as to what they will do with their boys, which leaves the impression on the minds of the younger generation of the period that something has got to be done for them instead of encouraging the more manly thought that they must do for themselves. There is no reason to suppose that the channels to competence and wealth are fewer and more difficult than they were years ago.

Canny Edinburgh City Fathers.

Edinburgh owns several meadows, some in the heart of the city. These fields are put to good use. In the spring they are hay fields, the crops selling for very respectable sums, too, each year. After the hay harvest is over Edinburgh lets out the meadows for other purposes connected with cattle and farming and adds a bit more to the money thus acquired by the canny Scotch rulers of the town.

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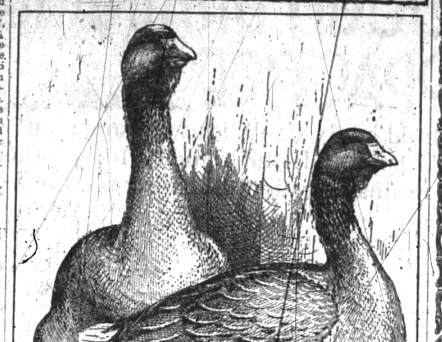

TOULOUSE IS GIANT OF GOOSE FAMILY.

The Toulouse is the giant of the goose family. It is a native of France. Its ordinary weight is from 15 to 20 pounds, but it is not uncommon to find specimens weighing from 25 to 30 pounds. This is the typical gray goose, but beneath and behind these are white areas in the plumage.

It is said by those who have had experience with this breed that young geese during the first year lay from 15 to 25 eggs, when older they may lay from 25 to 40.

The Embden is a popular breed in some places. The body of the birds is snowy white, the legs and bills yellow. They have good type and conformation. In size it is the same as standard for the Toulouse, though it is said a smaller number of Embden reach this standard than of Toulouse.

The Embden when well bred, properly fed and prepared, makes a carcass that sells well on the market. But it is said that many breeders in this country have not given much attention to fine quality.

There are two varieties of Chinese geese, brown and white. This breed has different characteristics from the others mentioned. The birds stand more erect and have longer and slenderer necks than the others. The Brown Chinese have at the base of the bill a peculiar dark-colored knob. The Brown is considered the most prolific of all the geese. The standard weight for the gander is 15 pounds, geese 12 pounds. The female is said to lay from 40 to 50 eggs, sometimes more. A large per cent of the eggs are generally fertile.

FEEDING WILL DOUBLE EGGS

Average Hen in Missouri Lays Sixty-Three Eggs Annually—Scantily Fed Hen Is Poor Investment.

(By H. L. Kempster, Missouri College of Agriculture.)

According to the United States census, Missouri's 21,000,000 hens lay 111,000,000 dozen eggs annually. If this is true, the average hen lays about 63 eggs a year. This is a poor record. One reason why hens are not more productive is because usually they are half fed. It is false economy to expect them to pick their living from the leavings of other stock. Many farmers admit that they feed their hens nothing during the summer. In so doing, they are saving feed but losing money.

A productive hen requires from 70 to 80 pounds of feed a year. If she gets only 40 to 50 pounds, she will simply satisfy her body requirements. She will not lay eggs. The scantily fed hen is a poor investment. It is only the liberally fed hen that yields the profit.

Farmers should keep dry ground feed, such as a mixture of bran, shorts and cornmeal, in hoppers before the hens at all times. Either sour milk or butter milk should be given as a drink. Crushed limestone or oyster shell should be before the hens all the time, and the hens should go to roost with full crops.

One correspondent wrote that after feeding according to the directions of the poultry department of the University of Missouri his hens laid twice as many eggs. These directions are given in circular 70, entitled "Feeding for Egg Production," which is distributed free.

GOOD POULTRY FEEDING TIPS

No Economy in Giving Fowls One Kind of Grain—Ample Water Supply Is Important.

There is no economy in feeding fowls one kind of grain, for that compels them to eat more than they ought in order to get a sufficient quantity of food elements.

A large part of the egg is water, a fact which shows the necessity of providing layers with an ample supply of pure clean water in fountains or dishes which are frequently disinfected.

A sluggish hen is never a good layer. The flock should be made to exercise by scratching for whole and cracked grains in a deep litter of clean material and jumping for green food, such as cabbage or a mangel.

KILL CHICKENS FOR MARKET

To Prevent Food Remaining in Crop and Intestines Fowls Should Be Starved 24 Hours.

The chickens must be starved 24 hours before killing. This will prevent the food remaining in the crop and intestines, which decomposes and spoils the flavor.

Several hours after the last feed allow the chickens what water they wish to drink. They should then have a complete fast until they are killed.

For market purposes, the birds should be killed by bleeding within the mouth and piercing the brain.

Separate Old Hens.

Put the old hens by themselves and feed liberally with corn to fatten them for market. Do not winter coy loafers, but it may be well to keep a few for hatching use.

SELECT HENS WITH RECORDS

Mate Them With Cockerels of Good Laying Strains and Hatch From Them—Progress Slow.

The hen as we have her today has been developed very rapidly as an egg producer. The jungle fowl from which our laying hens have been developed probably laid about two dozen eggs a year at most. Perhaps many only raised one brood. Hens of anything like good type and breeding today may average 140 eggs a year. There are, of course, 200-egg hens and a few that have made records much higher. But these high records are by no means common.

It is said that a high average for a pullet is 150 eggs a year, for a hen 140. But we must remember that hens, like cows, have their own individuality and it is not easy to find a flock of high producers.

The way to increase the production of eggs is to select pullets or hens with high records, mate them with cockerels from good laying strains and hatch from them. Even then, the progress must be slow, for there is apt to be a large per cent that will be poor producers. But this is the only safe way to raise hens that lay a large number of eggs a year.

SELECTION OF BEST LAYERS

Look for Full, Well-Developed Breast and Crop—This Gives Assurance of Strength.

The selection of the best-laying hens may be made in several ways. If you know that the mother hens were good egg producers and the pullets have the same formation of the body it may be reasonable to expect that the pullets will also be fine egg producers. There is, however, one almost certain sign that may be used in selecting laying hens. Look for a full, well-developed breast and crop, showing a large pocket in which to carry the food supply. This gives assurance of strength and vigor, and the ability to consume a sufficient amount of food to sustain the body and produce the eggs.

She must have the ability to consume a large amount of food and the body and abdominal proportions to handle and transfer it into the general make-up of the body and the egg production.

FATTEN POULTRY IN CRATES

Special Ration of Cornmeal, Middlings, Bran and Buttermilk Adds Weight and Flavor.

To fatten poultry put them into a crate, keep them for a day without food, then give them a special ration of seven parts cornmeal, three parts middlings and one part bran, with buttermilk enough to make a mixture about as thin as pancake batter.

During the 10 or 14 days they are fed this ration they gain from 15 to 25 per cent in weight and much more than that in flavor.

ENCOURAGE HENS TO CACKLE

See That Fowls Are Given Proper Food and Water and They Will Increase Egg Production.

Do the hens cackle? Eggs are worth 40 cents a dozen, or 3 1-3 cents a cackle.

You had plenty of cackles when the hens could catch bugs and worms (meat) and had green grass to eat and plenty of water.

See that they get the egg-producing feeds and they will cackle.

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ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1916. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of

ANTHONY BILKOVSKY, Deceased.

Charles Bilkovsky executor of the will of said deceased, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate. It is further ordered that the 21st day of April, 1917, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk.
23dec-5jan

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1916. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of

ELLEN J. CHATFIELD, Deceased.

Jay Chatfield, executor of the will of said deceased, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate. It is further ordered that the 19th day of April, 1917, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

(A true copy.)
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Register of Probate.
23dec-5jan

The Birmingham high school gave a dancing party Friday evening, December 29, in the Johnson & Shaw Hall.

Mrs. Almira Mudge and daughter Marion spent New Year's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Metz in Pontiac.

Mrs. Harvey Wilson, of Pontiac, is a caller Sunday.

Mrs. Willis Carter and daughter Lillian spent New Year's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bingle at Wyandotte.